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Doty Man Killed in Collision

Lewis County – On August 9, 2006 at approximately 7:45 AM, Troopers responded to a one pickup injury collision SR-6 just west of Stearns Road (Milepost 48).

When troopers arrived the roadway was blocked with downed power lines from a pole that had been struck. Personnel from Lewis County Public Utility responded to turn off the power to the lines and make repairs to the pole.

The investigation revealed a 2004 Toyota pickup driven by Aaron G. Nichols, a 24 year old resident of Doty, was traveling westbound SR-6 going into a curve at Stearns Road. Nichols was going too fast for the wet roadway losing control going off the roadway to the right (North) striking a power pole with the driver's side door. The power pole was sheared at the base causing it along with the lines to come down blocking the roadway.

Aaron Nichols was wearing a seatbelt, but did pass away at the scene from internal injuries sustained in the collision.

The traffic is being detoured, westbound onto Stearns Road and eastbound onto Diekman Road. The roadway is estimated to open at approximately 11:00 AM.

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A Reminder: Motorists need to be more cautious of wet roadways when there hasn't been rain in the area for a long period of time.

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